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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7757**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 388**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Alcoholic Beverage Signs.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R Michael

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a primary source of supply or wholesaler of alcoholic beverages to provide an illuminated advertising sign to a retail or dealer permittee. It provides that a primary source of supply or wholesaler is not required to maintain an illuminated advertising sign provided to a retail or dealer permittee.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The provisions in the bill are not expected to impact the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* Under current law, a person who violates the prohibitions that are eliminated by this bill commits a Class B misdemeanor. This bill has the potential of causing a minimal reduction in the number of Class B misdemeanor proceedings heard in court. If fewer court cases occur and fewer fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund and the state General Fund would decrease. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund. If a case were filed in a circuit, superior or county court, 70% of the \$120 court fee that is assessed and collected when a guilty verdict is entered would be deposited in the state General Fund. If a case were filed in a city or town court, 55% of the fee would be deposited in the state General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill could potentially cause a decrease jail costs. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is approximately \$44.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Court Fee Revenue:* If fewer court actions occur, local governments would receive less court fee revenue.

**State Agencies Affected:** Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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